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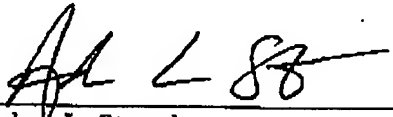
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REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2006, requiring an election of the claimed invention between Group I as embodied in Claims 1-9, Group II as embodied in Claims 10-11, and Group III as embodied in Claims 12-13. Applicants hereby elect Group I embodied within Claims 1-9. Claims 10-13 are cancelled from further consideration without prejudice or disclaimer and are subject to the filing of a divisional application.

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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